

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

EPISCOPALIAN.

Eighty-sixth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Pennsylvania—Third Day's Proceedings.

At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the convention assembled in St. Andrew's Church. The following Standing Committee was elected:— Clerical delegates—Rev. Dr. Morton, Dr. Howe, Dr. Hare, Dr. Goodwin, and Dr. Wilson. Lay delegates—Richard S. Smith, F. Griffiths, Thos. Robbins, John Bohlen, and John Clayton.

So much of the address of the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese as concerned the constitution of the new diocese was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. E. A. Fogg, Rev. J. A. Harris, and Messrs. Charles R. King, William Welsh, and Charles G. Cooper.

The Rev. G. Emlen Hare, D. D., professor in the Divinity School, Philadelphia, presented and read the report of the Committee on the Alterations of Canonry. This was a lengthy document, of which the main purpose was the codification of the law of the Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Rev. Mr. Saul moved that the report be printed, and that the farther consideration be postponed for the present, which was agreed to. Judge Franklin presented the report of the Committee on the Endowment Fund of the new diocese, to be read by the secretary.

The report stated that the sum of \$28,000 had been provided for the purpose named. It also contained resolutions looking to a division of the funds of the diocese, one-half of all diocesan funds not restricted from alienation being asked for.

Rev. W. W. Bronson offered a resolution that a copy of the minutes of the resolutions passed at the morning session in reference to the death of Judge Conyngham should be sent to the family of the deceased, and to the rector, warden, and vestry of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre. Carried.

On motion, the convention adjourned till nine o'clock this morning.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION THIS MORNING.

The convention met pursuant to order at 9 A. M. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. W. P. Orrick, rector of St. John's Church, York, and the Rev. John Bolton, rector of Holy Trinity, West Chester.

The convention was called to order by the Rev. Dr. Hare, who read the names of the members of the clergy and lay delegates who had yet responded. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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The President stated that the order of the day was the election of deputies to the General Convention, and named as tellers of the clerical vote the Rev. E. A. Fogg, the Rev. John Bolton, and the Rev. Charles G. Cooper.

The House proceeded to ballot. The Rev. Dr. Hare moved that the Committee on City Missions leave to meet during the sessions of the House in the vestry-room of the church for the transaction of business. Carried.

The gentlemen nominated on the two tickets are as follows:— Deputies to General Convention.—Rev. M. A. DeW. Howe, D. D., Rev. D. R. Goodwin, D. D., Rev. G. Emlen Hare, D. D., Rev. A. Marple, Messrs. William Welsh, George L. Harrison, Lemuel Coffin, and T. E. Franklin.

Deputies to General Convention.—Rev. William Rader, D. D., Rev. E. A. Hoffman, D. D., Rev. William Hare, D. D., Hon. Geo. W. Hunter, Esq., and E. B. Thayer, G. W. Hunter, E. S. Buckley, and E. Baldy, Jr.

The Committee on Charters asked and obtained leave to meet during the sessions of convention.

Mr. G. W. Hunter offered the following resolution:— Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Hare, the Rev. Dr. Parsons, Mr. Thomas, Mr. William Welsh, Mr. E. Franklin, and Mr. H. S. Goodwin, together with the secretary and treasurer of the convention, be a committee to consider the petition of the Diocese of Pennsylvania to a portion of the Episcopal fund, with power to make an equitable division of such part of the said fund as may be justly claimed.

The said committee to report its action to the next convention.

Rev. Mr. Shiras seconded the resolution. He regretted that any amendment should have been expressed at the proposition to divide the diocesan funds, and attributed it to the wording of the resolution. He was sure that there was the kindest feeling towards those who were going out. He hoped the funds would be shared.

Rev. Dr. Hare hoped that nothing would occur at this last session to mar its harmony. He referred to the deliberations that had preceded the offering of the proposition. He thought justice and brotherly kindness were by no means opposed, and trusted that the Diocese of Pennsylvania would not be the first to help from a new diocese to be formed without help from the parent diocese. He cited the example of New York as a precedent for the course to be pursued in this case.

Rev. Dr. Goodwin was quite ready to meet the appeal on the ground of generosity, and thought it had better be put there; but justice must be remembered, and it would not do to be generous without regard to the Diocese of Pennsylvania would not be the first to help from a new diocese to be formed without help from the parent diocese. He cited the example of New York as a precedent for the course to be pursued in this case.

Rev. Dr. Hare moved that the committee be authorized to report to the convention on the 15th inst. The motion was carried.

Further discussion was participated in by the Rev. Mr. Saul and Judge Thayer.

While Judge Thayer was speaking the Right Reverend the Bishop of the diocese entered and took his seat.

The clerical vote was announced, as follows:— Rev. Dr. Hare, 92; Rev. Dr. Goodwin, 86; Rev. Dr. Parsons, 81; Mr. Geo. L. Harrison, 78; Mr. Lemuel Coffin, 78; Mr. T. E. Franklin, 78. These gentlemen, having informed the necessary majorities on both the lay and clerical votes, were declared elected.

The reading of the Episcopal Charter having been made the order of the day for twelve o'clock, the Rev. Dr. Hare announced that as the Bishop was present, and was still suffering from indisposition, the reading would be proceeded with, although it was not so much desired.

Order having been obtained, Bishop Stevens, with manifest effort, addressed the convention, stating his regret that it had not been his attendance in his body, and begging the convention to bear with him, and to maintain quiet while he endeavored to read his charge.

The appearance and words of the Right Reverend the Bishop produced an obvious sensation, demonstrated by the respectful silence in which he was received, and the air of grave attention that pervaded the house as he began to read in a voice which, at first gradually gathered strength as he went on.

This charge, which, in view of the circumstances under which it was written, and the momentous questions of which it necessarily treats, is one of the most important, as one of the ablest church papers ever presented to the convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, is substantially as follows:—

In selecting a topic for my charge in 1841 I endeavored to lay before you the subject of the undeveloped powers of the Church. To-day a subject of equal interest will be considered. This is the rights of the clergy and the laity in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Those who sit in the Bishop's seat know how important it is to have all these points well defined. The rights of the clergy and the laity are of equal importance. The right to administer the sacraments, and the right to lead the worship of the people.

The power to preach is given by our Lord Himself to the Apostles. This is the great end of the Christian ministry. If we say that the conditions of preaching are altered, we are in fact altering the very essence of the ministry.

It is a ministerial error preached from his pulpit and fails to notice it, the results of the error are chargeable upon him.

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Whatever had been given, had been given then in answer to the pledge taken by our forefathers. If such were not the case, he should vote to give a large part of the funds to the new diocese.

Mr. J. R. Snyder followed in a few remarks on the same subject.

Professor Coppee said that it appeared that the convention was now thoroughly familiar with all the points to be raised, and that a committee could be appointed to report at the session.

The question came up on Mr. Welsh's motion that one-half of the not inalienable Episcopal fund be set aside for the new diocese.

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TO-DAY'S CABLE NEWS. THE COAL MINING TROUBLES.

The Dying Commune. Articles of Arbitration Signed.

The Grand Attack on Paris. The Mace-Coburn Fight.

Terrific Bombardment Yesterday. More Southern Outrages.

Eighty Shells a Minute! Atlantic Cable Mismanagement.

An Early Entrance Expected. The Foster Murder Trial.

Gen. Rossel's Resignation. Later from Europe.

Dombrowski Refuses the Command. FROM EUROPE.

St. Clement's Church Quarrel. FROM EUROPE.

FROM THE WEST.

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